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AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2115, VISION 100-CEN-TURY OF AVIATION REAUTHOR-IZATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would announce that we have 7 minutes remaining to finish the debate on the rule. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) has 2 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGovern) has 5 minutes remaining. Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), our distin-

guished minority whip.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership has turned what should have been a bipartisan achievement into a partisan travesty. When we passed this legislation by a vote of 418-8 on July 11, we explicitly barred the privatization of air traffic controllers. We did so because we were concerned about the safety of the American public. The Senate bill which passed 94-0 went even further. It extended the protection to airway system specialists. Why? On behalf of the safe-

ty of the American public.

Then the Republican leadership hijacked this legislation. It adopted a conference report that rejected the opinion of the House and rejected the opinion of the Senate and stripped out the language barring privatization, again, passed to protect the safety of

the American flying public.
Instead, it allowed 69 air traffic control towers to be turned over to private companies which must always put the bottom line first, and it removed the protections for airway systems specialists, removed mandatory and terrorism training for flight attendants, and permitted foreign airlines to raid U.S. markets.

Even Republicans balked at these changes, and that is why this legislation has hung around for so long, but Mr. Speaker, without the explicit prohibition on privatization that was included in the bill we passed in June, the administration is free to move forward with privatization, notwithstanding the will of the House and the will of the Senate. That should not be acceptable in a democratic legislative body. The flying public deserves better. America deserves better. They need to know that the people on the ground responsible for air safety are not being forced to cut corners to save dollars.

I urge my colleagues to vote for a fair process and vote for the public safety by voting down this legislation and this conference report. I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire at this time how many speakers the other side has remaining.

Mr. McGOVERN. I am the last speaker on our side.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Alluding to the facts, Mr. Speaker, I think is important sometimes. Under the Presidency of William Jefferson Clinton, approximately 150 control towers were privatized.

legislation mandates privatizations. And under the Presidency of George W. Bush, by the way, there have been zero towers privatized.

I do not recall the protests during the 150 privatizations during the years of Bill Clinton. What I do know is that legislation mandates privatizations. The facts sometimes, Mr. Speaker, are important.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, how much time remains on this side?

The SPEAKER pro tempore LAHOOD). The gentleman from Massachusetts has 2½ minutes remaining.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will be asking for a vote on the previous question, and if the previous question is defeated, I will offer an amendment to the rule. My amendment will provide that upon adoption of this rule the enrolling Clerk is directed to make the following changes to the conference report:

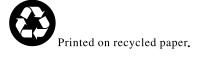
One, to insert the language in the Senate-passed FAA bill that would prohibit the privatization of the air traffic control system. Two, to strike the cabotage language in the bill that would allow foreign airlines to carry cargo between cities in Alaska and other cities in the United States. Three, to restore the mandatory TSA security and antiterrorism training guidelines for flight attendants that was in the House-passed version of the FAA bill. The conference report makes these important guidelines discretionary. And, four, to delete the requirement for certain communities to pay a local share for essential air service.

Mr. Speaker, these changes represent the true will of the Congress with regard to this very important legislation. What has happened since H.R. 2115 first went to conference, and particularly in the past 2 days, is a travesty of our democratic system of government. It is obscene that the leadership in the House of Representatives and the Senate would turn our legislative process on its head. And it is even more obscene if we were to let that happen without any protest. This type of behavior must stop. The last time I looked, we lived in a democracy. This is supposed to be a deliberative body. We all took an oath of office when we began serving in this fine institution. It is time to live up to that oath.

I want to stress that a "no" vote on the previous question will not stop consideration of the conference report for the FAA reauthorization; rather, a vote will allow the House to

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amend the rule to make the changes necessary for this conference report to truly reflect the bill that won widespread bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate.

Again, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and remind them that this is the only way that we are going to prohibit the privatization of our air traffic control system.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the text of this amendment be printed in the RECORD immediately before the vote on the previous guestion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. McGOVERŇ, Mr. Speaker, I vield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LINCOLN DĬAZ-BALART Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation reauthorizes the FAA. It is extremely important to the safety of the flying public in this country. In addition, it reauthorizes \$3.4 billion for the FAA and increases it by \$100 million each year.

Mr. Speaker, many of the ideas of our friends on the other side of the aisle, and I have a whole page of them here in summary, were included in this legislation. And with regard to what we have heard time and time again about phantoms of privatization, and though 150 occurred during President Clinton's administration, this legislation mandates none.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important piece of legislation. We must pass it today, and so I urge my colleagues to pass the rule and the underlying legislation.

The material previously referred to by Mr. McGovern is as follows:

PREVIOUS QUESTION FOR H. RES. 422-RULE ON CONFERENCE REPORT FOR H.R. 2115 FLIGHT 100—CENTURY OF AVIATION REAUTHORIZA-TION ACT

AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 422 OFFERED BY REP. MCGOVERN

Strike all after the resolved clause and in-

"That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

SEC. 2. (a) A concurrent resolution specified in subsection (b) is hereby adopted.

(b) The concurrent resolution referred to in subsection (a) is a concurrent resolution

(1) which has no preamble;

- (2) the title of which is as follows: "Providing for Corrections to the Enrollment of the Conference Report on the bill H.R. 2115";
- (3) the text of which is as follows:

H. CON. RES.-

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2115, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following

(1) At the end of subtitle B of title II of the conference report, add the following (and conform the table of contents of the conference report accordingly):

"SEC. 230. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FUNCTIONS PROHIBITED.

'(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation may not authorize the transfer to a private entity or to a public entity other than the United States Government of-

"(1) the air traffic separation and control functions operated by the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this Act: or

'(2) the maintenance of certifiable systems and other functions related to certification of national airspace systems and services operated by the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this Act or flight service station personnel.

(b) CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM.—Subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to a Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control tower operated under the contract tower program as of the date of enactment of this Āct.'

(2) Strike section 408 of the conference report (and conform the table of contents of the conference report accordingly).

(3) In section 603 of the conference report, in the matter proposed to be inserted as section 44918(a)(4) of title 49, United States Code, strike "the Under Secretary may establish minimum standards" and insert "the Under Secretary shall establish minimum standards'

(4) Strike section 808 of the conference report (and conform the table of contents of the conference report accordingly)

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for electronic voting, if ordered, on the question of agreeing to the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 222, noes 199, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 586]

AYES-222

Aderholt Bono Chocola Coble Bachus Boozman Baker Brady (TX) Cole Ballenger Brown (SC) Collins Barrett (SC) Brown-Waite, Cox Bartlett (MD) Ginny Crane Burgess Crenshaw Barton (TX) Bass Burns Cubin Beauprez Burr Culberson Burton (IN) Cunningham Bereuter Biggert Buyer Davis, Jo Ann Bilirakis Calvert Davis, Tom Bishop (UT) Camp Deal (GA) Blackburn Cannon DeLay Blunt Cantor DeMint. Boehlert Diaz-Balart, L Capito Diaz-Balart, M. Boehner Carter Castle Doolittle Bonilla Bonner Chabot Dreier

Dunn Emerson English Feeney Ferguson Flake Foley Forbes Fossella Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Gibbons Gilchrest Gingrey Goode Goodlatte Goss Granger Green (WI) Greenwood Gutknecht Harris Hart Hastings (WA) Hayes Hayworth Hefley Hensarling Herger Hoekstra Hostettler Houghton Hulshof Hunter Hvde Isakson Issa Janklow Jenkins Johnson (CT) Johnson (IL) Johnson, Sam Jones (NC) Keller Kelly Kennedy (MN) King (IĂ)

King (NY) Kingston Kline Knollenberg Kolbe LaHood Latham LaTourette Leach Lewis (CA) Lewis (KY) Linder LoBiondo Lucas (OK) Manzullo McCrery McHugh McInnis McKeon Mica Miller (FL) Miller (MI) Miller, Gary Moran (KS) Murphy Musgrave Myrick Nethercutt Neugebauer Nev Northup Norwood Nunes Nussle Osborne Ose Otter Oxlev Paul Pence Peterson (PA) Petri Pickering Pitts Pombo Porter Portman Pryce (OH) Putnam Quinn Radanovich Ramstad Regula Rehberg

Renzi Reynolds Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Royce Ryan (WI) Ryun (KS) Saxton Schrock Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Shaw Shays Sherwood Shimkus Shuster Simmons Simpson Smith (MI) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Souder Stearns Sullivan Sweenev Tancredo Tauzin Taylor (NC) Terry Thomas Thornberry Tiahrt Tiberi Toomey Turner (OH) Upton Vitter Walden (OR) Walsh Wamp Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weller Whitfield Wicker Wilson (NM) Wilson (SC) Wolf Young (AK)

NOES-199

Abercrombie DeFazio DeGette Ackerman Alexander Delahunt Allen DeLauro Andrews Deutsch Baca Dicks Baird Dingell Baldwin Doggett Dooley (CA) Ballance Becerra Doyle Rell Edwards Berkley Emanuel Engel Berman Berry Eshoo Bishop (GA) Etheridge Bishop (NY) Evans Blumenauer Farr Fattah Boswell Boucher Filner Boyd Ford Brady (PA) Frank (MA) Brown (OH) Frost Brown, Corrine Gonzalez Gordon Capps Capuano Green (TX) Cardin Grijalva Cardoza Hall Carson (IN) Harman Hastings (FL) Carson (OK) Clyburn Hill Conyers Hinchey Cooper Hinoiosa Costello Hoeffel Cramer Holden Crowley Holt Cummings Honda Davis (AL) Davis (CA) Hooley (OR) Hoyer Davis (FL) Inslee Davis (IL) Israel Jackson (IL)

Davis (TN)

Jackson-Lee (TX) Jefferson John Johnson, E. B. Jones (OH) Kanjorski Kaptur Kennedy (RI) Kildee Kilpatrick Kind Kleczka Kucinich Lampson Langevin Lantos Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Lee Levin Lewis (GA) Lipinski Lofgren Lowey Lucas (KY) Lynch Majette Maloney Markey Marshall Matheson Matsui McCarthy (MO) McCarthy (NY) McCollum McDermott McGovern

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Young (FL)

Meek (FL)	Price (NC)	Spratt
Meeks (NY)	Rahall	Stark
Menendez	Rangel	Stenholm
Michaud	Reves	Strickland
Millender-	Rodriguez	Tanner
McDonald	Ross	Tauscher
Miller, George	Rothman	Taylor (MS)
Mollohan	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (CA
Moore	Ruppersberger	Thompson (M
Moran (VA)	Rush	Tierney
Murtha	Ryan (OH)	Towns
Nadler	Sabo	Turner (TX)
Napolitano	Sanchez, Loretta	Udall (CO)
Neal (MA)	Sanders	Udall (NM)
Oberstar	Sandlin	Van Hollen
Obey	Schakowsky	Velazquez
Olver	Schiff	Visclosky
Ortiz	Scott (GA)	Waters
Owens	Scott (VA)	Watson
Pallone	Serrano	Watt
Pascrell	Sherman	Waxman
Pastor	Skelton	Weiner
Payne	Slaughter	Wexler
Pelosi	Smith (WA)	Woolsey
Peterson (MN)	Snyder	Wu
Pomeroy	Solis	Wynn

NOT VOTING-13

Gephardt Pearce Akin Bradley (NH) Gutierrez Sanchez, Linda Case Hobson McCotter Clay Stupak Fletcher Miller (NC)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1552

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 220, noes 199, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 587]

AYES-220 Cannon Aderholt Feeney Ferguson Bachus Cantor Baker Flake Capito Foley Ballenger Barrett (SC) Castle Forbes Bartlett (MD) Chabot Fossella Franks (AZ) Bass Chocola Frelinghuysen Beauprez Coble Bereuter Gallegly Garrett (NJ) Collins Biggert Bilirakis Gerlach Cox Bishop (UT) Crane Gibbons Blackburn Crenshaw Gilchrest Blunt Cubin Gillmor Boehlert Culberson Gingrey Cunningham Davis, Jo Ann Boehner Goode Bonilla Goodlatte Davis, Tom Deal (GA) Bonner Granger Bono Boozman DeLay Graves Green (WI) Brady (TX) DeMint Diaz-Balart, L. Brown (SC) Greenwood Diaz-Balart, M. Gutknecht Brown-Waite, Ginny Doolittle Harris Burgess Dreier Hart Burns Duncan Hastings (WA) Dunn Ehlers Hayes Hayworth Burr Burton (IN) Hefley Buyer Emerson Hensarling Calvert English

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Abercrombie

Ackerman

Alexander

Andrews Baca

Baldwin

Ballance

Becerra

Berkley

Berman

Bishop (GA)

Bishop (NY)

Blumenauer

Brady (PA)

Brown (OH)

Brown, Corrine

Boswell

Boucher

Boyd

Capps

Capuano Cardin

Cardoza

Clyburn

Convers

Cooper

Costello

Cramer

Crowley

Cummings

Davis (AL)

Davis (CA)

Davis (FL)

Davis (IL)

Davis (TN)

DeFazio

DeGette

Delahunt

DeLauro

Deutsch

Dicks

Dingell

Doggett

Edwards

Emanuel

Engel

Dooley (CA) Doyle

Lowey

Carson (IN)

Carson (OK)

Berry

Bell

Allen

Baird

Moran (KS) Murphy Musgrave Myrick Nethercutt Neugebauer Ney Northup Norwood Nunes Nussle Osborne Ose Otter Oxley Paul Pence Peterson (PA) Petri Platts Pombo Portman Pryce (OH) Putnam Quinn Radanovich Ramstad Regula Rehberg Renzi Reynolds Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Royce Ryan (WI) Ryun (KS) Saxton Schrock

Eshoo Lucas (KY) Etheridge Lynch Majette Evans Maloney Farr Fattah Markey Marshall Ford Matheson Frank (MA) Matsui McCarthy (MO) Frost Gonzalez McCarthy (NY) McCollum Gordon Green (TX) McDermott Grijalva McGovern Hall McIntyre Harman McNuĬty Hastings (FL) Meehan Hill Meek (FL) Hinchey Meeks (NY) Hinoiosa Menendez Hoeffel Michaud Holden Millender-McDonald Holt Honda Miller, George Hooley (OR) Mollohan Hover Moore Inslee Moran (VA) Israel Murtha Jackson (IL) Nadler Jackson-Lee Napolitano (TX) Neal (MA) Jefferson Oberstar John Obey Johnson, E. B. Olver Jones (OH) Ortiz Kanjorski Owens Kaptur Pallone Kennedy (RI) Pascrell Kildee Pastor Kilpatrick Payne Pelosi Kind Kleczka Peterson (MN) Kucinich Pomerov Price (NC) Lampson Langevin Rahall Lantos Rangel Larsen (WA) Reyes Larson (CT) LaTourette Rodriguez Ross Rothman Lee Levin Roybal-Allard Lewis (GA) Ruppersberger Lipinski Rush Ryan (OH) Lofgren

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NOES-199

Sanchez, Loretta Spratt Sanders Stark Sandlin Stenholm Schakowsky Strickland Schiff Tanner Scott (VA) Tauscher Taylor (MS) Serrano Thompson (CA) Sherman Skelton Thompson (MS) Slaughter Tierney Smith (WA) Towns Snyder Turner (TX) Udall (CO) Solis NOT VOTING-Gephardt Gutierrez McCotter Miller (NC) Pearce Pickering

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1600

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

HASTINGS of Florida. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS)

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 54, noes 360, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 588]

AYES-54

Grijalva Meek (FL) Ackerman Hastings (FL) Allen Meeks (NY) Hill Baird Millender-Baldwin Hinchey McDonald Ballance Honda Oberstar Jefferson Berry Pallone Brown, Corrine Johnson, E. B. Pelosi Capuano Carson (IN) Jones (OH) Rodriguez Kennedy (RI) Sandlin Clyburn Davis (IL) Kilpatrick Schakowsky Lampson Thompson (MS) DeFazio Langevin Tierney DeGette Lantos Towns Delahunt Larsen (WA) Velazguez DeLauro Larson (CT) Waters Dingell Lee McDermott Waxman Doggett Woolsey McGovern Frank (MA) McIntyre

NOES-360

Abercrombie Bishop (UT) Bass Aderholt Beauprez Blackburn Alexander Becerra Blunt Boehlert Andrews Bell Baca Bachus Bereuter Berkley Boehner Bonilla Baker Berman Bonner Ballenger Biggert Bono Barrett (SC) Bilirakis Boozman Bartlett (MD) Bishop (GA) Boswell Barton (TX) Bishop (NY) Boucher